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determine and specify them. Thanks to the *δύναμις*, the mysterious *φύσις*, the substantial *εἶδος* or primordial element, makes itself known, and makes itself known by its action. Starting from this point we understand . . . how easy it was to establish a perfect equation between *φύσις* and *δύναμις*" (p. 55f.). The same use of the word is found in the fragments of Gorgias and Isocrates.

In Plato the word has more philosophic importance than elsewhere, but here too it means that quality which beings have to reveal to us their peculiar constitution, shown in action or in being acted upon (p. 149). This is the same as the Hippocratic use of the term. But M. Souilhé does not agree with Ritter that Plato equates *δύναμις* and *οὐσία* (p. 156). Small though the detail may be, it is what determines in large measure whether Plato's universe is to be interpreted as a process or as something static. If one's imagination is allowed to play on the various consequences, one will see the importance of knowing just what Plato did mean, if that be a possibility.

It seems a greater possibility now that we have studies of Plato's vocabulary which are being done by scholars with sufficient equipment for the task. The study of M. Souilhé may be open to unfavorable criticism in detail, but one would have to be very fussy to accord it anything but praise as a whole. He seems to have approached the problem with as few preconceived ideas as possible and to have spared no pains to investigate it with all thoroughness. One could legitimately hope for a more extended discussion of the results, particularly of their effect upon the interpretation of Plato's philosophy as a whole. That may of course be too much to ask of a study which has purposely limited itself to a special phase of a problem. It does not seem likely, however, that students of Plato can afford to neglect this work, certainly not university students.

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SCIENTIA. November, 1921. *Euclidean Constructions* (pp. 345-354): H. P. HUDSON (Croydon, England).—Illustrations of how algebraic analysis can reveal what can and what can not be done with ruler and compass. *L'origine de la chaleur solaire* (pp. 355-370): JEAN PERRIN (Paris).—Admirable exposition of the interesting hypothesis that in the process of forming heavier and heavier atoms the mass of the sun is diminished, being partly converted into energy.

This energy would suffice to keep up the present solar radiation for several trillion years. Radioactivity is a secondary reverse process of minor importance. A paper decidedly worth consulting. *Le milieu géographique et la race* (pp. 371-380): A. A. MENDES-CORRÊA (Porto).—Suggests the difficulty of proving specific cases of influence exercised on racial characters by geographic environment, yet concludes that environment must, nevertheless, be an important factor. *Buts et résultats coloniaux de la guerre mondiale. II. Les résultats économique-juridiques* (pp. 381-392): G. MONDAINI (Rome).—Emphasizes the reactionary character of many of the recent legal changes in the status of colonies throughout the world and especially in the Congo. *L'œuvre mathématique de Klein* (pp. 393-396): F. ENRIQUES (Bologna).—A characterization of Klein's work in synthetic geometry, with reference to his preparing the way for Einstein. *Reviews of Scientific Books and Periodicals*.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION: WESTERN DIVISION

It will interest the members who could not be present at the Lincoln Meeting, April 14th and 15th, to know that in addition to holding the announced programme, ten names were added to the roster of the Western Division, and the following actions were taken: (1) that it is the wish of the Western Division that the first Joint Meeting of the two divisions be held next December, in accordance with the expressed wish of the Eastern Division, and that, if it be agreeable to the Eastern Division, it be held either in New York City or vicinity; (2) that the December joint meeting of